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Community Spotlight



School has started again! With everyone being so busy, there is limited time for case managers to connect with youth and families in their communities during the regular workday.

One way to provide support and informal services is to link families with a community-based agency.

Ed Lipka, a long-time DuPont employee, volunteers at one such organization—the Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center. Ed serves as a tutor, mentor and life-skills builder and also serves as a mentor at Ferris.

When asked about his experiences visiting families, Ed

says, "I felt it was extremely and vitally important to involve the families of the children. By doing this, a higher rate of success is being achieved. [Being a mentor] has allowed me to get to know the families and help me to identify some of the areas where the children may be struggling."

Dedicated community partners like Ed make a difference in the lives of youth and families. Connecting with these formal and informal supports will encourage a family's community connection, and make the job of the case manager a bit easier and more rewarding!

Youth Talk:

Friends-

by Tyair G., youth mentored by Ed Lipka

A friend is someone we turn to when our spirits need a lift.

A friend is someone we treasure for our friendship is a gift.

A friend is someone who fills our lives with beauty, joy and grace.

And makes the whole world we live in a better and happier place.

Community-based organizations welcome partnerships with state agencies. Seek assistance from non-profits and faith-based organizations within communities to maintain children and families in familiar settings while building collaborative partnerships.

Game: Famous Connections

Well-known personalities including Michael Jordan, Brad Pitt, President Clinton and Neil Diamond were all members of what nationwide community organization?

August Team Trivia Answers— Tennessee Titans: Keith Bullock
Miami Heat: Alonzo Mourning

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